

REMARKS

The above-identified application has been considered in view of the Office Action that was mailed on March 24, 2009. Claims 1, 4-6, 10, 11, and 21-29 are currently pending. By the present Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 30-35, without prejudice.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability regarding claims 1, 4-6, 10, 11, and 21-29.

In the Office Action, claims 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002374 to Barreiro, *et al.* (hereinafter “Barreiro”). As mentioned above, Applicants have canceled claims 30-33, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Barreiro. Applicants expressly reserve the right to re-present the subject matter of cancelled claims 30-33 in one or more Continuation or Divisional applications.

Claims 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barreiro. As mentioned above, Applicants have canceled claims 34 and 35, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Barreiro. Applicants expressly reserve the right to re-present the subject matter of cancelled claims 34 and 35 in one or more Continuation or Divisional applications.

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In view of the amendments to the claims effected herein, and the foregoing remarks and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview may facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is sincerely invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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